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THE SCOTTISH POETS.  
Scotland is the land of song. Probably no other country of equal extent and population has produced so many poets as the "land of mountains and of floods." Her choicer delight to relate stories of her heroes. Every incident of their lives is cherished. Perhaps a cynic might say that Scotland acts like the Pharisees—who ask for bread and are refused—but receive, after their death, a monumental stone. For it is a sad fact that the history of the poets of Scotland is full of stories of neglect and extreme poverty.

But leaving this mournful view of the fate of many of her noblest bards, let us call a few stories about them—and in doing so let us pick out the bright sunniness, rather than the dark and gloomy.

Professor Wilson's daughter was sought in marriage by Mr. Atwyn, afterwards called the editor of Blackwood and author of Songs of the Scottish Cavaliers. She accepted him, but added that he must ask pap. The modest lover was afraid to do so, and begged the young lady to broach the subject for him. She promptly sought her father and asked permission to become Mrs. Atwyn. "I'll speak to him," said John, and his mother laid aside a book which had been sent to review; he tore off the pinned words "With the author's compliments," pinned it to her dress, and sent her to her waiting lover.

An illustrative of the respect with which Burns was honored by some of his countrymen, Dr. Rogers relates that Sir John Dalrymple was engaged one day in correcting proofs in the printing office where the poet's books were in press, when the rustic bard entered, and seeing a stranger on his favorite stool, looked annoyed. The foreman saw it, and asked him to step into another room. "I'll speak to him," said Sir John, "do you suppose I'll resign my seat to you impudent, staring fellow?" "That is Robert Burns," said the foreman. Sir John sprang to his feet: "Robert Burns!" he exclaimed, "that quite alters the countenance!"

Some Scotchmen, now unknown, have aspired to be known as poets—as the following inscriptions on tombstones show:

From the churchyard at Wigton:  
"O John John, of honest fame,  
Of stately form and a long arm,  
Contented heart, poor John,  
Kept shop at Wigton, and that's all."

On a town officer:  
"Approach and read not with your hate,  
For here lies Baillie William Watson;  
Inclined were his grave; that's narrow;  
The earth scarce gave him a decent maw;  
Pleat thy mind and painful thinking,  
And meditation in his drinking;  
All his finding was his wife at wig;  
The town he did make a baillie."

On a tombstone, with the date of 1828, at Houff:  
"Epyte Pie.  
Here ly I,  
My twinte bairns,  
My sonnes & I."

From a tombstone at Newry:  
"Here lies the dust of Robert Small,  
Who, when in life, was thick not tall,  
But what's of greater consequence,  
He was endowed with good sense."

And, last of all, here is the epitaph of an old man who died in fear of the State Constable over-deterred:  
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On a tombstone, with the date of 1828, at Houff:  
"DEI GRATIA,  
BY ADAMS WHITING.  
As down the stream of life we glide,  
Our sicken days are outspread wide  
To catch the gales of life and love and light,  
And spread around their lustre bright,  
And yours hearts filled with gladness."

Why do we pause and trembling think  
Perchance that on we ruin's brink  
In golden bark to death may sink  
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Well, we know at the last,—  
To which great point we drift so fast,—  
That all our hopes on this are cast;

To gain the blessed shore;

But doubts and fears our hearts assail,  
Turn sulky and joy to sorrow pale;

Sweet death and hope to comfort fail

Our spirits e'erlast.

Or, at least, a poor soul's estate,  
To sail with either thine or ours, laid beside,

Imortal souls we loved best—

While music sweetly, softly swells,  
Life, love and joy within us dwells,

Erupted heart the chilling beams.

And still our hopes assure.

THE DEATH OF RICHARD ROTHE.  
BY REV. WESLEY SAWYER.

The Heidelberg University suffered a great loss, on the evening of Aug. 20th, 1867, in the death of *Geb. Kirchweihdr. Richard Rothe*.

Rothe was born in Heidelberg on the 28th of January, 1793. After preparatory training in Jena, he entered the University at Heidelberg in 1813, and remained two years. Then he went to Berlin and studied till he passed the State theological examination. He commenced his public career as preacher in connection with the Prussian embassy at Rome. Subsequently he was professor in the Theological Seminary at Wittenberg. In 1833 he was elected a professor in the Heidelberg University, where he remained eleven years. Then he removed to Bonn, but soon returned to Heidelberg, where he devoted the remainder of his life faithfully to his profession and to the University.

His work has been mostly done in silence, with careful and patient study. The product of his pen is not voluminous, but his volumes are full of original and well matured thought. His first book of notes was "Die Auffassung der christlichen Kirche, und ihrer Verchristlichung," published at Wittenberg.

There was a mistake about it this time, and as I again glanced at the innocent looking flower, I perceived a little, wretched sprite, in yellow attire, nodding and grinning at me from behind its petals. "Pray, sir, I wish I could get rid of you!" I replied indignantly. "I wonder what can put such a notion into my head! Rothe, I am sorry, but my heart's too full of earthly interests, and I don't consider that this is Charity."

I would write for his epitaph. This man often said, "It is a bad (weak) faith which fears Science—Science can only confirm Faith."

Two comedians soon arrived and confronted Campbell. Campbell was so angry that he could not utter a word. Souther calmly explained the case, and added: "This is Mr. Thomas Campbell, the distinguished poet, who would not hurt a fly—much less act with dishonesty." "Good man, man!" said one of the policemen in surprise, "this is that Master Campbell, the Lord Rector of Glasgow?" "Yes, he is," added Souther, "there is Mr. Campbell's card." The shopkeeper was satisfied at once. "Had I known the gentleman," said he, "I would have charged fifty sovereigns for him." "Mr. deacon now," said Campbell, "when you lastingly evaporated?" "I am not at all offended." They shook hands all round and parted good friends!

Every one has heard of Robert Pollock, author of "The Course of Time." He was a Scotch preacher. When he was delivering his "trial discourse," of which the subject was sin, the diffuseness of the style caused the students to laugh at him. At last the young poet observed that the professor was indeed wise. He then said a second part, and the audience relented.

"Exhausted! Very likely; so are N. and L., with all his little children, who will not meet on Christmas Day if you don't go to me."

"But I can go to-morrow," I groaned.

"But I did not hear the cross, sweet Jesus, meek!

And thou didst tread the path of death,

To save that which yearned its wrath to me."

When cursed she with blaspheming speech:

O Lord subdue me!

O grandest sacrifice and grandest wrong!

Al! thou didst bear the cross, and thou didst bear,

Along with Earth's offenses, mine;

And when unthankful, sinners rush to share

I claim my part,

I more abundantly than countless throng.

Thou didst bear the cross; thy lordiness,

Which skies on skies eternal praise,

Thou didst burst from thee; thou didst make them

That all the least, to teach thy ways.—

—To teach Love,

Hath triumph even when it suffers most.

Al! thou didst bear thy cross; O give me strength,

That Conqueror, to conquer too;

Though I fall, may I gain at length

Power from the cross to bear and do:

And when my soul is lost,

I reach the goal by my boast.

Sunday Magazine. GILBERT TATE.

IRISH METHODISM IN AMERICA.

Dr. Robinson Scott, in his address before the British Conference, gave the following interesting facts as to our connection with Irish Methodism.

Embry and Heck have many followers of their own race:

We have fruit in Ireland, and not to speak of grain, we have vines, and we have grapes,

which grow in every vineyard, and which have

been raised by the hand of God.

Heck has a vineyard in the hills of Donegal,

and five at Virginia—one by the scattered and

fugitive fugitives were hunted down and sent sud-

denly to their long homes. All of them died

of the effects of their punishment, and many of

them blasphemed until their utterance was

choked by death.

Not much, but only remembering, Char-

ly, and of course I was seeking pleasure,



## The Secular World.

## Domestic.

Gold on Monday 144 3*s*.  
The rebel blockade was lifted at St. Louis on the 26th ult.—Our first news of the war was on Monday, the 20th; a few days fell in Boston; in some parts of New Hampshire there were several inches.—There was near being a riot in Savannah on the 29th, through the harborage of a mutiny from Boston, named Bradley.—The police and military effectually put a stop to it.—The blockade claimed on the 1st resulted in a total of 3121 votes, of which were polled by negroes.—John Quincy Adams of Quincy was nominated as candidate for Governor, by the Democratic State Convention held at Worcester on the 1st.—Lucy Stone was voted President of the United States at a fair in Missouri recently,—why not?—engaged never so well and popular a speaker on the theme of "Women and Slavery," for which we were taken on the city Conference, with permission. It takes also the Vermont Conference, on the N. Y. Conference, and the N. H. Conference, and the N. E. Conference, in the country, for drift in all its directions, may have entirely reorganized as Whitfield as our throwing the Plattsburgh called the Potsdam, or worse. None persons.

None persons are still; but their share are this there is also a growing and people for a modification. Let the Presiding large, and elected by the President.

Delegates, who were originally published.

Jefferson Davis and wife arrived in Toronto on the 29th—Garibaldi refused to give his parole not to engage in hostilities against the Roman States.—The Pan-American Synod has issued an address condemning rationalism and papery.

Riot and revolution are the order of the day in Italy.—A British Ambassador arrived in London on Monday, Oct. 1.

The Italian insurgents have captured a small town, and the Papal government has asked Italy for military aid, which has been refused.—There is talk of a rupture between France and Italy. It will be remembered that Prince Napoleon is married to the daughter of the King of Italy.—A new Captain of the Royal Guards was appointed to the Queen's Guard—Sir R. Kyrett, W. C. Holmes, J. H. C. Holmes, J. H. B. Mitchell, D. L. Montague, A. A. Moore, W. R. Rutledge, J. H. M. Morris, E. Elliott, S. Shinn, G. Brooks, J. O. Rich, W. H. Mahay, R. H. Hurst, J. L. Baker, G. W. Clark, John Graham, Mrs. Eaton, A. B. Morrison, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Parsons, John F. Reserve, Wilmot S. and others.

Session commenced on the 23d; Bishop Clark presided. The Bishop and Bishop secretaries to be of the opinion that this is the rainiest season since Adam's time. Was not Noah's wet summer a little short?

A Classical Joke.—An usher in an English school, seeing one of the boys with a thick lump in one of his cheeks, asked, "Quid est hoc?" To which the lad replied, "A large piece of chewing tobacco, sir." His agent's officers were given a dinner at Grosvenor by the Freemasons of London.—It is said that the successor of Sir Frederick Bruce is to be Sir Augustus H. Paget, the present British minister at Florence.—Garibaldi is here in a house of his own at Capri. When first placed there lately he made his escape, but was re-arrested.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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**THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION OF GARDNER DISTRICT** will hold its next meeting at Oxford. All brethren and sisters are invited to be present.

**DEDICATION**—The new M. E. Church at Skowhegan will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at 2 o'clock.

**THE NEW YORK JUDICIARY**—"Brice says: 'All the firsts in the law are mine.' On every side we find men to be at the most important trials. Even the judges on the bench are bought and sold like meat in the shambles. One must go into court with a long purse to obtain justice. The Judiciary of New York stands ill-favored among the other states. Men say they hardly know a Court in which to sit. A case comes before me to sit on the bench. If a judge has an upright character he will be contaminated by the great majority of his associates."

They are talking of bridging the Bosphorus. The whole world is looking forward to the opening of the canal, which recently celebrated the first anniversary of their wedding, and appeared dressed in paper. Why not dress in the original fig leaf?

Indians are allowed to vote in Michigan. At least one of them did so on Friday. The Indian, Mr. Blackburn, was not invited to the election, but voted.

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